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- -\13. The single reagent of claim 1, wherein said buffer adjusts the pH to a value less than 3.
- --14. The single reagent of claim 1, wherein said buffer adjusts the pH to a value of 2.4
- --15. The single reagent of claim 1, wherein said buffer is a multi-component mixture selected from the group of mixtures consisting of:

potassium chloride plus hydrochloric acid,
tartaric acid plus sodium hydroxide,
citric acid plus sodium hydroxide,
potassium hydrogen phthalate plus hydrochloric acid,
citric acid plus disodium hydrogen phosphate, and
boric acid plus citric acid plus potassium dihydrogen phosphate.

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- --16. The single reagent of claim 1, wherein said detergent is selected from the group consisting of primary amines, acetates of fatty amines, hydrochlorides of fatty amines, quaternary ammonium salts, trimethylethylammonium bromide, and amides of cyclized diethylenetriamine.
- --17. The single reagent of claim 1, wherein said detergent comprises amides of substituted diamines wherein said substituted diamines are cationized by a compound selected from the group consisting of ethyl sulfate, diethanolaminopropylamine, and diethylaminopropylamide.
- --18. The single reagent of claim 1, wherein said nitrogenous compound is a thiourea.
- --19. The single reagent of claim 18, wherein said thiourea is 1,3-dimethyl-2-thiourea.
- --20. The single reagent of claim 1 further comprising at least one inorganic salt